

American flag which are the foundation of our Nation.

Mr. President, there is no greater good than the pursuit of liberty, freedom, and peace. As the long-standing symbol of these treasured values and ideals, the American flag deserves our highest respect and admiration. Therefore, let us set aside 1986 as the "Year of the Flag." I urge this respected body to unite in support of this effort to demonstrate Congress' respect and admiration for the flag of the United States of America.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there amendments? If there be no amendments to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment and the third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now turn to House Joint Resolution 424, the House companion joint resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 424) to designate the year of 1986 as the "Year of the Flag."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution is before the Senate and open to amendment. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the question is on the third reading and passage of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 424) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the joint resolution was passed.

Mr. BYRD. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Thurmond joint resolution, Senate Joint Resolution 242, be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION AMENDMENTS ACT

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, after conferring with the Democratic leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House on the OPIC Act of 1985, S. 947.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the House insist upon its amendment to the bill (S. 947) entitled "An Act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to the activities of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation", and ask a conference with the Senate on the

disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I move that the Senate disagree to the House amendment and agree to the conference requested by the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The motion was agreed to, and the Presiding Officer [Mr. PRESSLER] appointed Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MATHIAS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. PELL, and Mr. SARBANES conferees on the part of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—H.R. 3128

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate receives H.R. 3128 from the House, the Senate be deemed to have disagreed to the amendment of the House to H.R. 3128, and have agreed to the conference requested by the House, and that the Chair be deemed to have appointed conferees as follows:

FISCAL YEAR 1986 SENATE RECONCILIATION CONFEREES

Senate Committee	Republican Conferees	Democratic Conferees
Budget—General Conferees	Donnell, Armstrong, Kassabian, Bochwitz, Symms	Hollings, Johnston, Sasser, Metzenbaum
Agriculture	Helms, Dole, Lugar, Cockran	Zorinsky, Leahy, Melnick
Armed Services	Goldwater	Mun
Banking	Garn, Heinz, Recht	Proxmire, Riegle
Commerce	Danforth, Packwood, Goldwater, Pressler, Gorton, Stevens	Hollings, Long, Inouye, Ford, Biegle
Environment and Public Works	Stafford, Chafee, Simpson, Symms	Bentsen, Burdick, Lautenberg
Finance—General Conferees	Packwood, Roth, Danforth, Chafee	Long, Bentsen, Matsunaga
Finance—for PBGC and ERISA Subcommittee only	Packwood, Chafee, Helms	Mitchell, Moynihan
Finance—for CHAMPUS Medicare Subcommittee only	Dennberger	Baucus
Finance—for Private Health Insurance Coverage Subcommittee only	Heinz, Wallop, Burenberger	Baucus, Pryor
Governmental Affairs	Roth, Stevens, Mathias, Chafee	Eagleton, Levin, Gore
Labor and Human Resources—General Conferees	Reid, Stafford, Quayle	Kennedy, Pell
Labor and Human Resources—for PBGC and ERISA Subcommittee only	Hatch, Nickles, Thurmond	Kennedy, Metzenbaum
Small Business	Wicktor, Carlton	Bumpers
Veterans' Affairs	Murkowski, Simpson	Crasston
Energy Committee General Conferees	McClure, Donnell, Wallop	Johnston, Ford
Energy Committee Conferees on Title VI, sec. 6701 only	McClure, Hatfield, Donnell	Johnston, Ford
Commerce Conferees on Title VI, sec. 6701 only	Danforth, Packwood, Goldwater	Hollings, Long

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES: A NEW ROAD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, we in West Virginia are very proud of our outstanding community college system.

During the month of October, the West Virginia Community College Association had its annual conference at Twin Falls State Park in Pineville, WV. One of the featured speakers at this conference was Dr. Donald J.

Senese who served for 4 years as the assistant secretary for educational research and improvement in the U.S. Department of Education (1981-84). Dr. Senese made a number of important points relevant to the West Virginia Community College System and applicable to community colleges throughout our country.

I call the attention of my colleagues to Dr. Senese's remarks entitled "Community Colleges: A New Road to Educational Excellence," and ask unanimous consent that his remarks be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the remarks were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

"COMMUNITY COLLEGES: A NEW ROAD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE"

(By Dr. Donald J. Senese)

Greetings. It's great visiting the beautiful state of West Virginia and having the opportunity to meet with the key personnel of West Virginia's community college system. You are the leaders who are making the community college system work so well in this state and I commend you for your work and for the theme of this conference focusing on what community colleges can do to promote excellence in education.

Today, I would like to discuss with you some general ideas—as well as a few suggestions—for new directions for the community colleges.

Usually whenever the topic of community colleges comes up at meetings of educators, there is prolonged debate over the meaning of the term "community college," a focus on "the mission" of community colleges, or an attempt to redefine the whole educational debate in terms of the community college lexicon (e.g. changing the term "student" to "learner"). It is reminiscent of the story of the three blind individuals who tried to describe an elephant gained only from their sense of touch. One felt the large body of the elephant, one felt the snake-like trunk, and the other felt the large ear. Each gave his own description—varying greatly—with each failing to describe the entire animal. The community college system in America is an animal of many diverse parts and I do not intend to get into that educational thicket or we will be here all day. And we would be in a similar situation to the critic who proposed that if one laid every economist in the world end to end, you could predict one result: they still would not be able to reach a conclusion. In fact, it is not important that we do reach a conclusion.

During the past almost two decades—as a professor in a postsecondary institution, as a legislative aide on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and as the Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement in the U.S. Department of Education for four years—I have had a unique opportunity to watch the great growth of our community college system. It is an unique system and its greatest attribute is its diversity. This diversity allows the community college to adjust to its geographical setting—urban, rural or suburban—and to the nature of the community.

This diversity and ability to adjust has been the strength of our community college system. Aside from these just mentioned qualities, the community college must be a place committed to excellence in education.

I do not mean excellence in the same sense or with the type of structured curriculum that we expect in our postsecondary institutions, our colleges and universities. Cer-

423. Each grant shall be made under such terms and conditions as the Administrator shall prescribe. The amount of a grant to a State for a fiscal year shall not exceed 50 percent of the total cost during such fiscal year of establishing and operating, or operating and expanding, the clearinghouse, as determined by the State under section 423. In no event shall any State be entitled to a grant in excess of \$75,000.

"APPLICATIONS"

"Sec. 423. (a) Each State that desires to receive a grant for a fiscal year under section 422 shall submit an application to the Administrator. The application shall contain such information and assurances as the Administrator deems necessary. The Administrator shall approve an application if the State qualifies under subsection (b) of this section.

"(b) To qualify for a grant for any fiscal year under this part, a State shall—

"(1) agree to provide for the establishment and operation, or operation and expansion, of a Missing Children Information Clearinghouse within its department of justice or law enforcement, alone or in cooperation with other State agencies, that will—

"(A) work in conjunction with the National Crime Information Center by requiring local law enforcement agencies to enter promptly information on a missing child into the information systems of such Center and to expunge such information when the child is found;

"(B) educate parents, children, and community agencies and organizations in ways to prevent the abduction and exploitation of children;

"(C) provide public information to assist in locating and returning missing children, including, among other things, the distribution of a monthly bulletin to State and local law enforcement agencies with pictures and descriptions that will aid in locating missing children;

"(D) publish a directory of other organizations, such as private voluntary organizations, hospitals, medical clinics, and runaway shelters, that provide assistance in locating missing children;

"(E) establish an in-State toll-free telephone line to allow persons to report a missing child and be provided with information to assist in locating and returning a missing child as quickly as possible;

"(F) cooperate with and act as a liaison for other public and private organizations to locate missing children; and

"(G) work with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

"(2) determine the cost of the establishment and operation, or operation and expansion, of the clearinghouse in such fiscal year and provide assurances that the State will at least pay 50 percent of such cost in cash or in kind; and

"(3) agree to submit to the Administrator a status report on the State's clearinghouse no later than six months after receipt of a grant under this part.

"ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS"

"Sec. 424. (a) The Administrator—

"(1) may prescribe such rules as he considers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this part; and

"(2) shall allocate staff and agency resources which are adequate to properly carry out the Administrator's responsibilities under this part.

"(b) Whenever the Administrator, after reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing to any State, finds that the State has failed to comply substantially with the requirement of section 423, the Administrator shall withhold payments under this part until the Administrator is satisfied that there is no longer any failure to comply.

"(c) The Comptroller General of the United States shall have access for the purpose of audit and examination to any books, documents, papers, and records of any State receiving assistance under this part that are pertinent to the sums received and disbursed under this part.

"AUTHORIZATION"

"Sec. 425. There are authorized to be allocated to the Administrator for grants under section 422 \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 1986 and \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 1987.

"DEFINITION"

"Sec. 426. For purposes of this part, the term 'State' shall mean any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico."

"EFFECTIVE DATE"

Sec. 2. This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall become effective on the date of enactment and shall be effective until the end of fiscal year 1987, at which time this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall be repealed.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

DESIGNATING THE YEAR 1986 AS THE "YEAR OF THE FLAG"

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I send a joint resolution to the desk on behalf of Senator THURMOND, and other Senators, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 242) to designate the year of 1986 as the "Year of the Flag."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Wyoming?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my name be added as a cosponsor of the joint resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent that my name be added as a cosponsor to the joint resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, today, along with 27 of my colleagues, including 10 members of the Committee on the Judiciary, I am introducing a joint resolution to designate 1986 as the "Year of the Flag." This measure is the Senate companion of House Joint Resolution 424, which passed the House of Representatives on December 3.

Three significant events will take place next year: 1986 will be the bicentennial of the call for a constitutional convention; the restored Statue of Liberty will be dedicated and its centenni-

al observed; and the Great Hall of Ellis Island will be readied for its reopening.

The year 1986 will be a time of renewed patriotism, and it should be a time when we reacquaint ourselves with the relationship of our flag to our heritage. The Stars and Stripes are symbolic of the birth of a new nation and America's territorial development. The colors symbolize qualities of the human spirit: courage, purity, vigilance, and justice.

As we prepare ourselves to enter the 21st century, we need to carry the American legacy to future generations. We need to make all citizens aware of this Nation's ideals, traditions, development, and accomplishments. Renewing an appreciation of the American flag, its history, customs, and symbolism is one way of doing this.

When we raise our flag, we must do so in respect. We must look at it as a symbol of a vibrant, strong, free nation. We must remember the effort, sacrifice, and love of our forebearers in creating and defending this Nation.

As Members of Congress, we should take the initiative in renewing interest among the American people, especially our schoolchildren, in our flag and the rich history of America which the flag symbolizes.

I, therefore, urge my colleagues to join with me in cosponsoring this commemorative resolution designating 1986 as the "Year of the Flag" and in supporting its passage.

I ask unanimous consent that the remarks of Senator ALFONSE D'AMATO be included in the RECORD following my statement.

In addition, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD following the statements.

I want to commend Representatives WILLIAM COBEY, JR. and EDOLPHUS TOWNS for their efforts in introducing the House joint resolution and obtaining its passage in that body. I ask that we now turn to the consideration of House Joint Resolution 424.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today in a spirit of patriotism and national pride to cosponsor a resolution, introduced by the distinguished senior Senator from South Carolina, designating 1986 as the "Year of the Flag."

This resolution will encourage the American people to increase their awareness of our Nation's heritage, and thereby increase the respect and admiration due our national flag.

The American flag is a stirring sight as it flies in the wind. Its bright colors and striking design stand as a symbol of our Nation's land, our people, our Government, and our ideals. The American flag can stir people to joy, to courage, and to sacrifice. In the past, many Americans have died to protect our Nation and its flag from dishonor and disgrace. In 1986, all Americans should recommit themselves to the values and ideals represented by the